



CALIFORNIA

Drug Recognition Expert School

Application Form

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First) _____ Rank: _____

Agency and Division: _____

Area Office: _____ Hire Date: _____

Current Assignment: _____ Agency Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home/Mobile Phone: _____

COURSE INFORMATION

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired driver. Officers trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) are frequently called upon to evaluate subjects suspected of being under the influence of a drug(s). The DRE training is a valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving in our communities. The DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, three phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

ACADEMIC PHASE

The DRE classroom portion is conducted over a nine-day period (72-hours), consisting of two phases. Phase I of the DRE training consists of the two-day (16-hour) Pre-School. During this phase, DRE students are required to demonstrate proficiency in the use of the IACP/NHTSA-approved Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST). Additionally, students are taught the definition of the term "drug" as it is used in the DECP, two alcohol correlation studies, and become familiar with the techniques of the drug influence evaluation. A final test with a minimum score of 80% for this phase is required. Phase II of the training is a seven-day (56-hour) classroom program during which students receive detailed instruction in the techniques of the drug influence evaluation examination as well as in physiology, the effects of drugs, and legal considerations. Students will additionally learn the 7 Drug Categories, courtroom testimony, report writing, and participate in several practical exercises. A total of five quizzes will be required throughout this phase to assist the student and gauge their progress. Upon completion of this phase of training, the student must pass a comprehensive written examination with a minimum score of 80% before proceeding to Phase III of training, the field certification.

CERTIFICATION PHASE

The field certification portion of training follows completion of the classroom training and is conducted within the next 60-90 days. During this portion of the training, students, under the direction of certified DRE instructors, evaluate subjects suspected of being impaired by drugs other than alcohol. After participating in and documenting the results of at least 12 drug evaluations (being an evaluator for a minimum of six) and completing a comprehensive final knowledge examination, the student may be recommended for certification as a DRE. The 60-90 day period may be expanded to six months with approval of the state coordinator.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within stated time frames following the DRE School. The California Highway Patrol - Impaired Driving Unit will schedule students at one of our Department's field certification sites.

DRE OBLIGATIONS

Upon completion of the DRE training, certified officers are expected to conduct DRE evaluations upon request. Additionally, DRE's may be called upon in court to testify on drug related arrests, regardless if they were directly involved in the case.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for DRE School, the applicant *must* meet the following criteria:

- A minimum of one year active law enforcement officer
- Completed the probationary period with your agency
- SFST certified and proficient
- An above average background and experience in DUI & 11550(a) H&S arrests
- An endorsement/ recommendation from your Department's DRE coordinator

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the DRE program, please complete the following information:

-Date of SFST training: _____ ☐ 16 hour ☐ 24 hour ☐ CHP Academy

-Number of DUI arrests for the past 2 years: _____

-Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DECP:

-Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DEC Program (College, EMT, ARIDE, CNOA, etc.): _____

-Explain why you would like to be a part of the DRE Program:

List two current DREs who would recommend you for this training:

1. Name: _____ IACP DRE #: _____
Agency and/or Area Office: _____
2. Name: _____ IACP DRE #: _____
Agency and/or Area Office: _____

I solemnly affirm the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I have read and will fully comply with all requirements set forth for certification and obligations as a Drug Recognition Expert.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

***The portion below is to be completed prior to submission to the CHP DRE Coordinator**

I have read the listed requirements:

Direct Supervisor: ☐ I recommend this officer ☐ I do not recommend this officer

Reason: _____

Supervisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Area Commander: ☐ I recommend this officer ☐ I do not recommend this officer

Reason: _____

Area Commander's signature: _____ Date: _____

Division Coordinator: ☐ I recommend this officer ☐ I do not recommend this officer

Reason: _____

Division Coordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

DRE State Coordinator: ☐ I recommend this officer ☐ I do not recommend this officer

Reason: _____

DRE State Coordinator's signature: _____ Date: _____